

opment, and his tenure of office shall be at the pleasure of the Authority, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. He shall be in the unclassified service.

(b) The manager shall be the chief administrative officer for the Authority and as such shall direct and supervise the administrative affairs and technical activities of the Authority in accordance with rules, regulations, and policies as set forth by the Authority. It is the duty of the manager among other things

(1) To attend all meetings of the Authority, and to act as its secretary and keep minutes of all its proceedings.

(2) To approve all accounts for salaries, per diem payments, and allowable expenses of the Authority or of any employee or consultant thereof, and expenses incidental to the operation of the Authority.

(3) To maintain a close liaison with the Maryland Department of Economic Development to facilitate the planning and financing of industrial projects.

(4) To make recommendations and reports in cooperation with the Maryland [Department] Division of Economic Development to the Authority on the merits of any proposed industrial project, on the status of local industrial development corporations, and on meritorious industrial projects.

(5) To perform such other duties as may be directed by the Authority or the Secretary of Economic and Community Development in the carrying out of the purposes of this subtitle.

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The Authority may, *subject to the authority and powers of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development as set forth in Article 41 of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland:*

(1) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

(2) Adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(3) Maintain an office at such place or places within the State as it may designate;

(4) Sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be impleaded; service of process in any action shall be made by service upon the manager of the Authority either in hand or by leaving a copy of the process at the office of the manager with some person having charge thereof;

(5) Employ such assistants, agents, and other employees as may be necessary or desirable for its purposes, all of whom shall be in the classified service of the State; to contract for and engage consultants; and to utilize the services of other governmental agencies;

(6) Accept from a federal agency loans or grants for use in carrying out its purpose, and enter into agreement with such agency respecting any loans or grants;